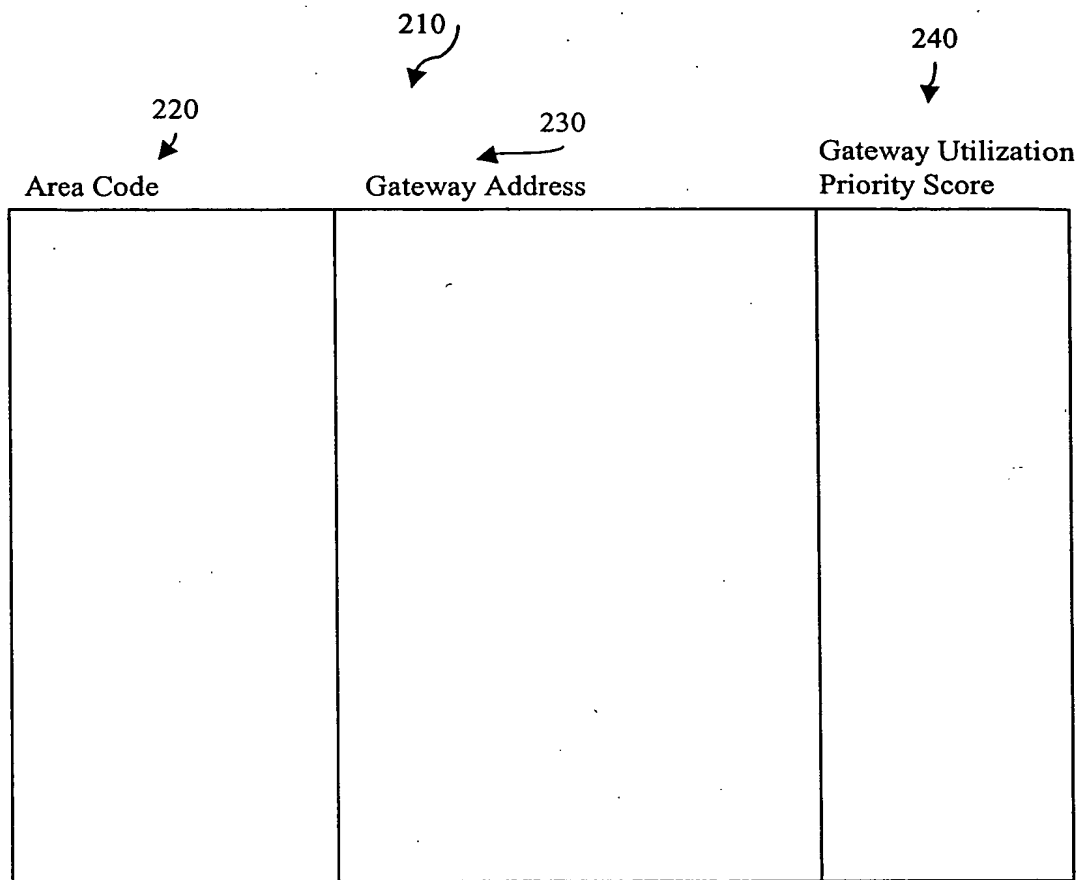


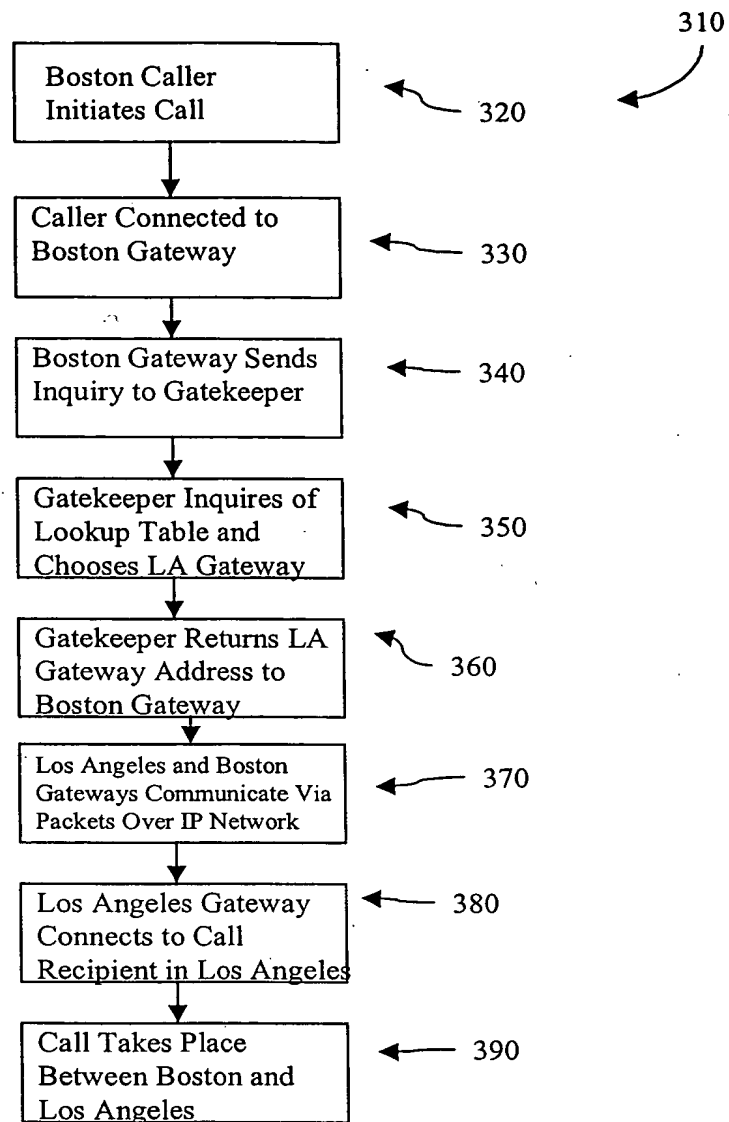
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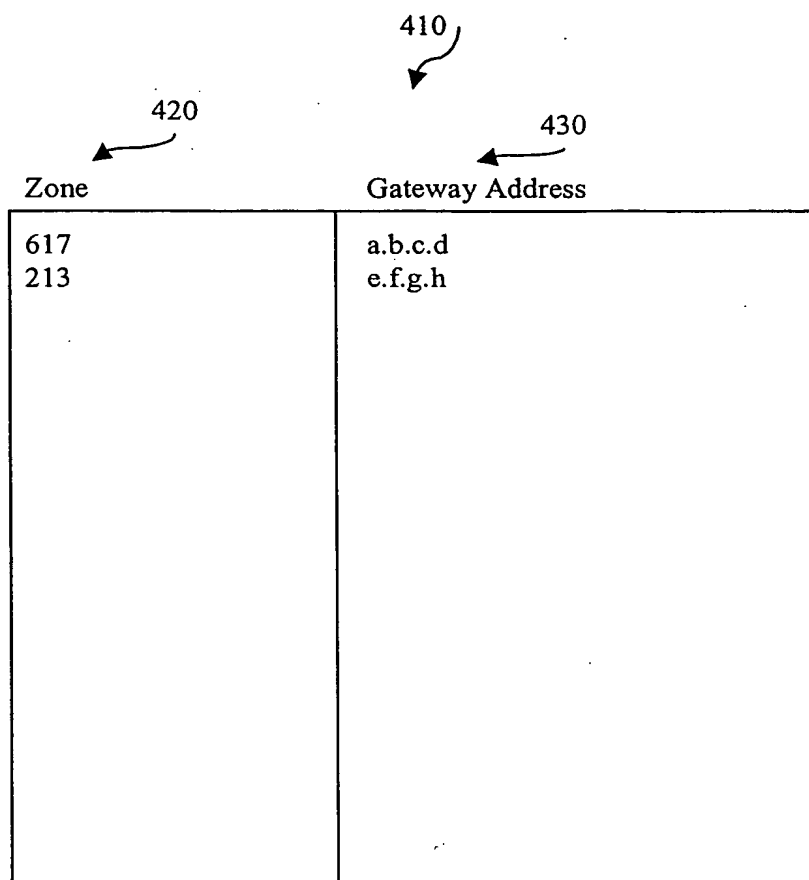
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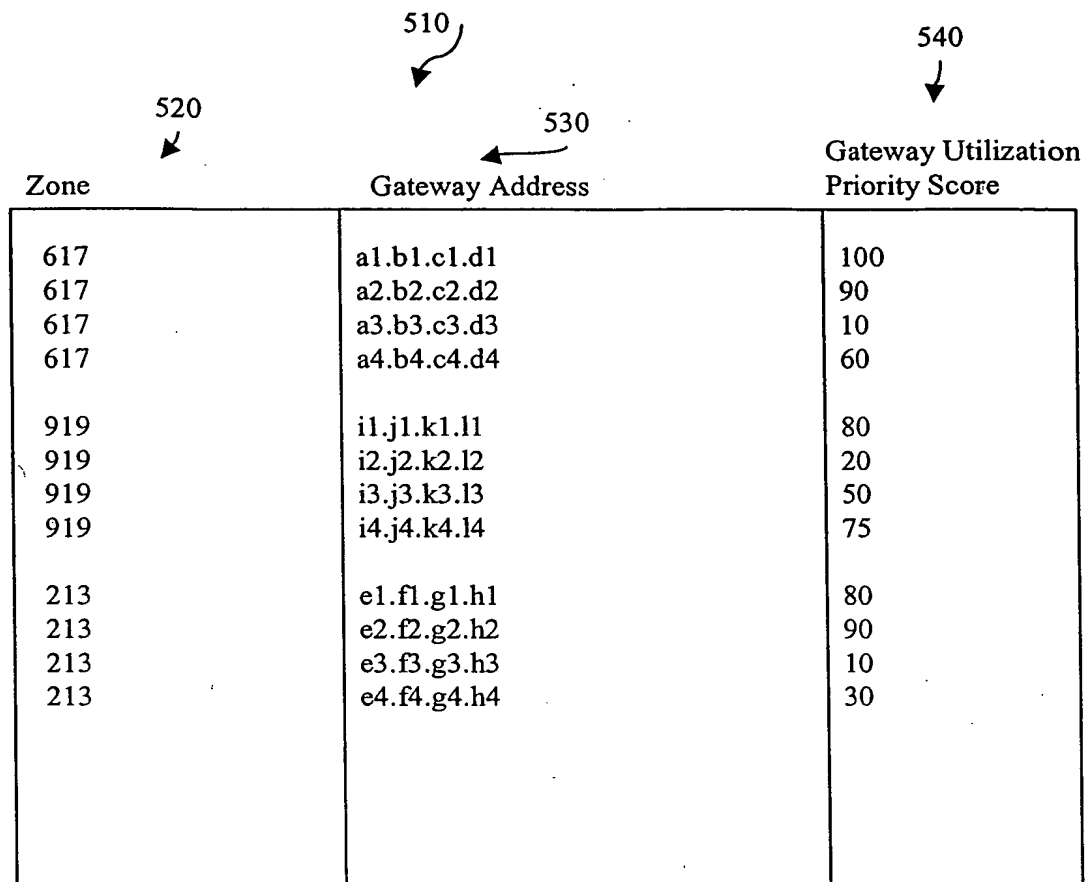
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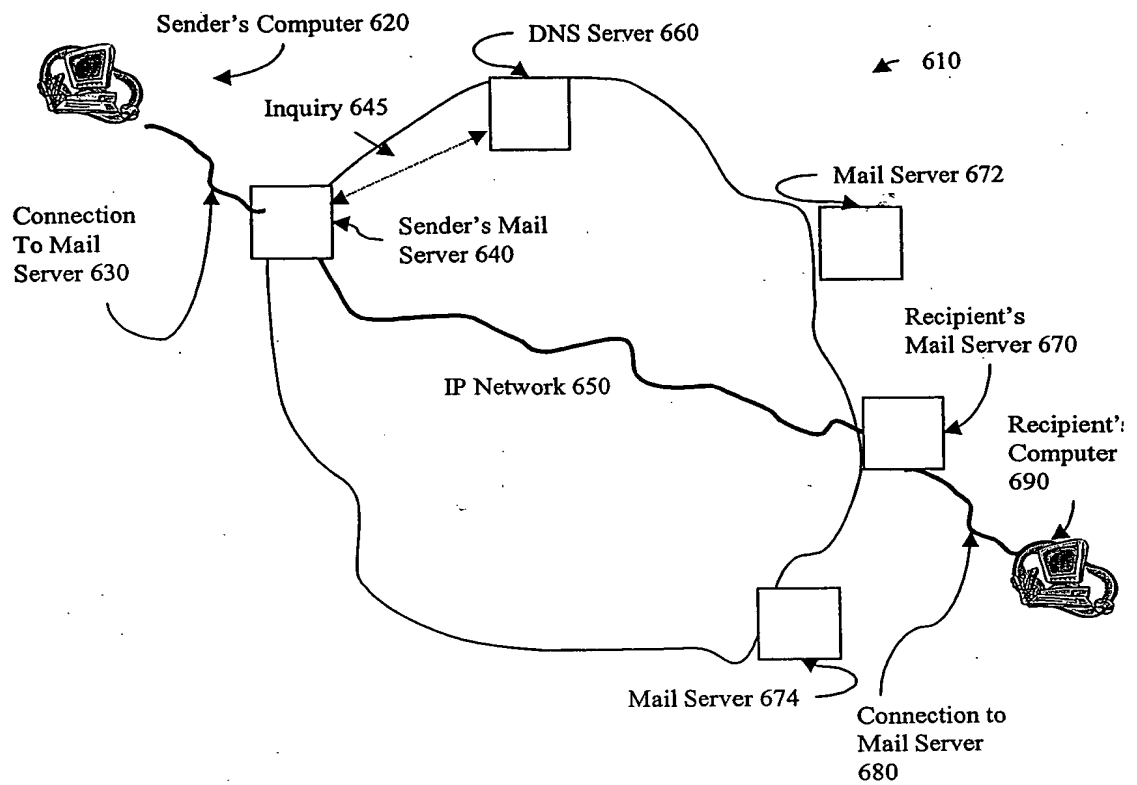


The diagram shows a table with three columns. Label 510 points to the top of the table. Label 520 points to the 'Zone' column header. Label 530 points to the 'Gateway Address' column header. Label 540 points to the 'Gateway Utilization Priority Score' column header.

Zone	Gateway Address	Gateway Utilization Priority Score
617	a1.b1.c1.d1	100
617	a2.b2.c2.d2	90
617	a3.b3.c3.d3	10
617	a4.b4.c4.d4	60
919	i1.j1.k1.l1	80
919	i2.j2.k2.l2	20
919	i3.j3.k3.l3	50
919	i4.j4.k4.l4	75
213	e1.f1.g1.h1	80
213	e2.f2.g2.h2	90
213	e3.f3.g3.h3	10
213	e4.f4.g4.h4	30

Prior Art

Figure 5



Prior Art

Figure 6

710

720

730

Domain Name	Mail Server IP Address
alpha.net	n.o.p.q
beta.net	r.s.t.u
gamma.net	v.w.x.y

Prior Art

Figure 7

Domain Name	Mail Server IP Address	Mail Server Utilization Priority Score
alpha.net alpha.net alpha.net alpha.net	n1.o1.p1.q1 n2.o2.p2.q2 n3.o3.p3.q3 n4.o4.p4.q4	100 90 10 60
beta.net beta.net beta.net beta.net	r1.s1.t1.u1 r2.s2.t2.u2 r3.s3.t3.u3 r4.s4.t4.u4	80 20 50 75
gamma.net gamma.net gamma.net gamma.net	v1.w1.x1.y1 v2.w2.x2.y2 v3.w3.x3.y3 v4.w4.x4.y4	80 90 10 30

Prior Art

Figure 8

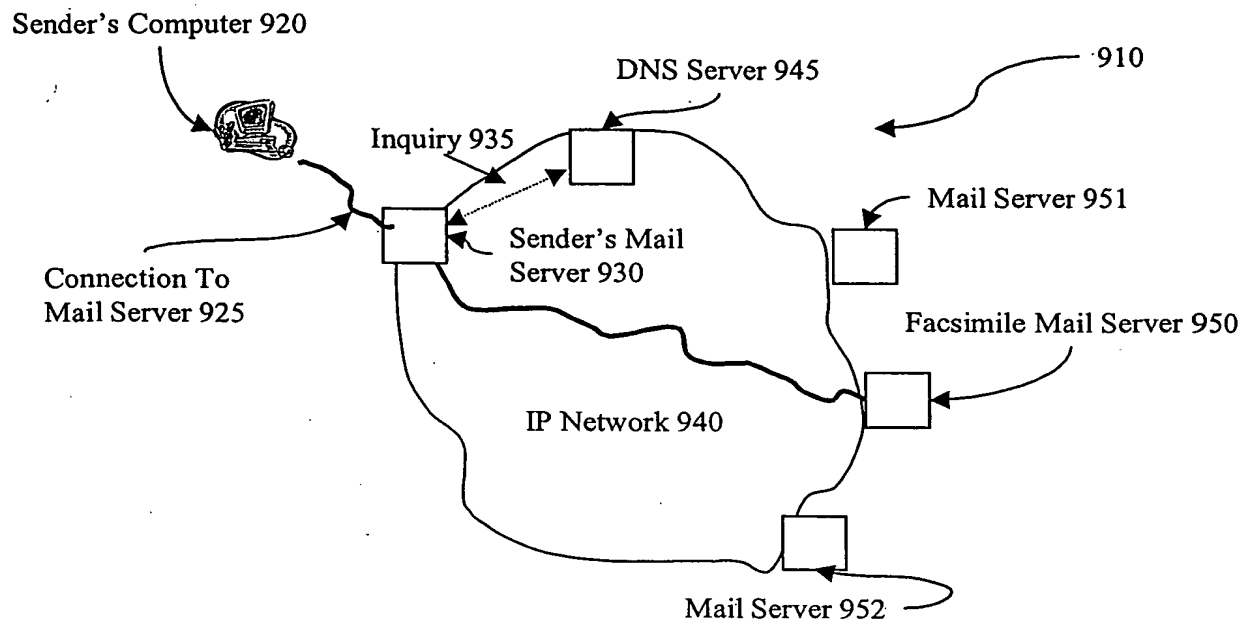


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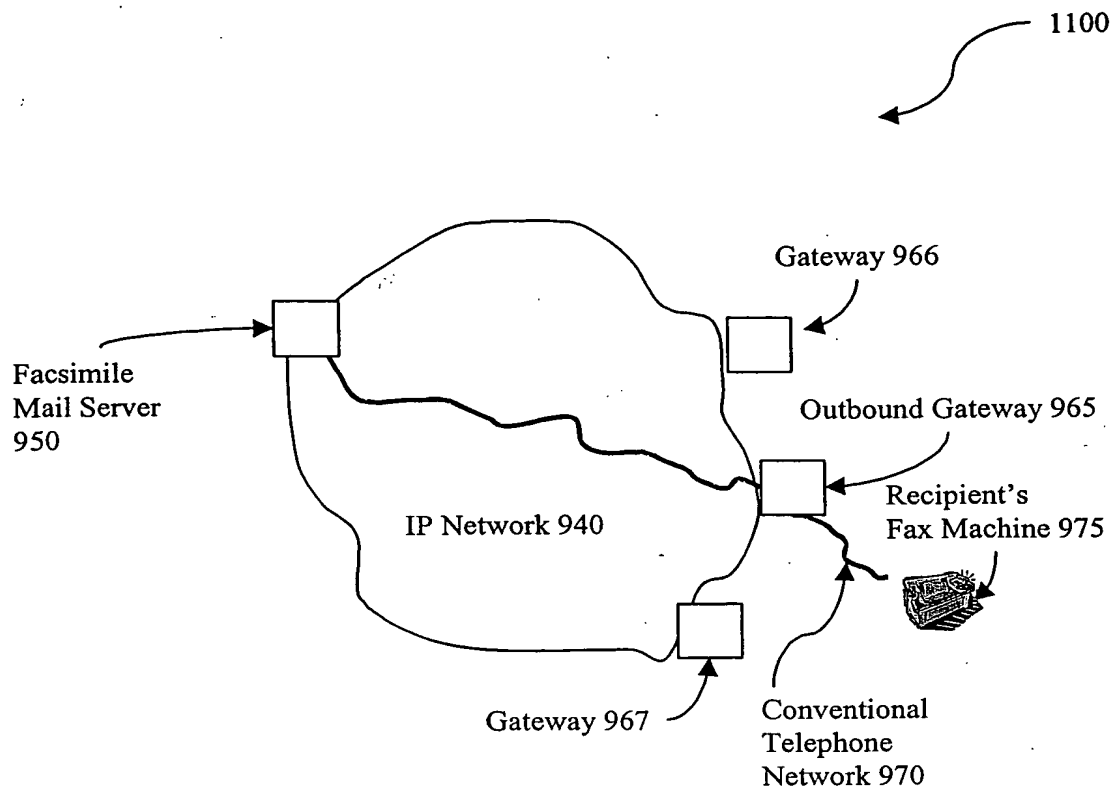
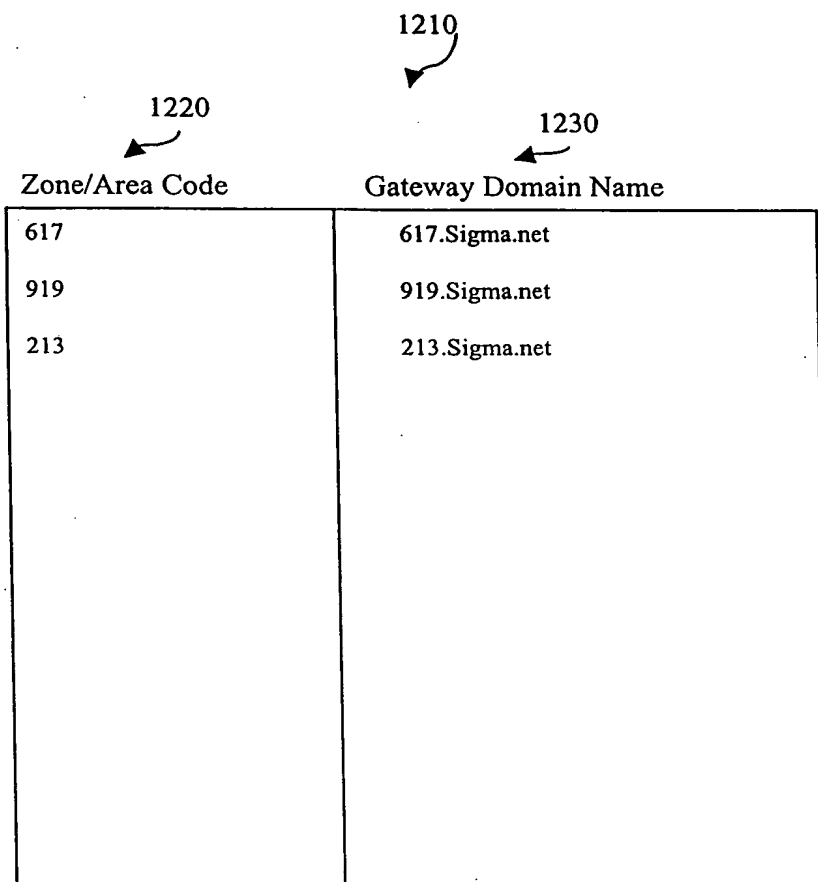


Figure 10



1210

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1230

Zone/Area Code	Gateway Domain Name
617	617.Sigma.net
919	919.Sigma.net
213	213.Sigma.net

Figure 11

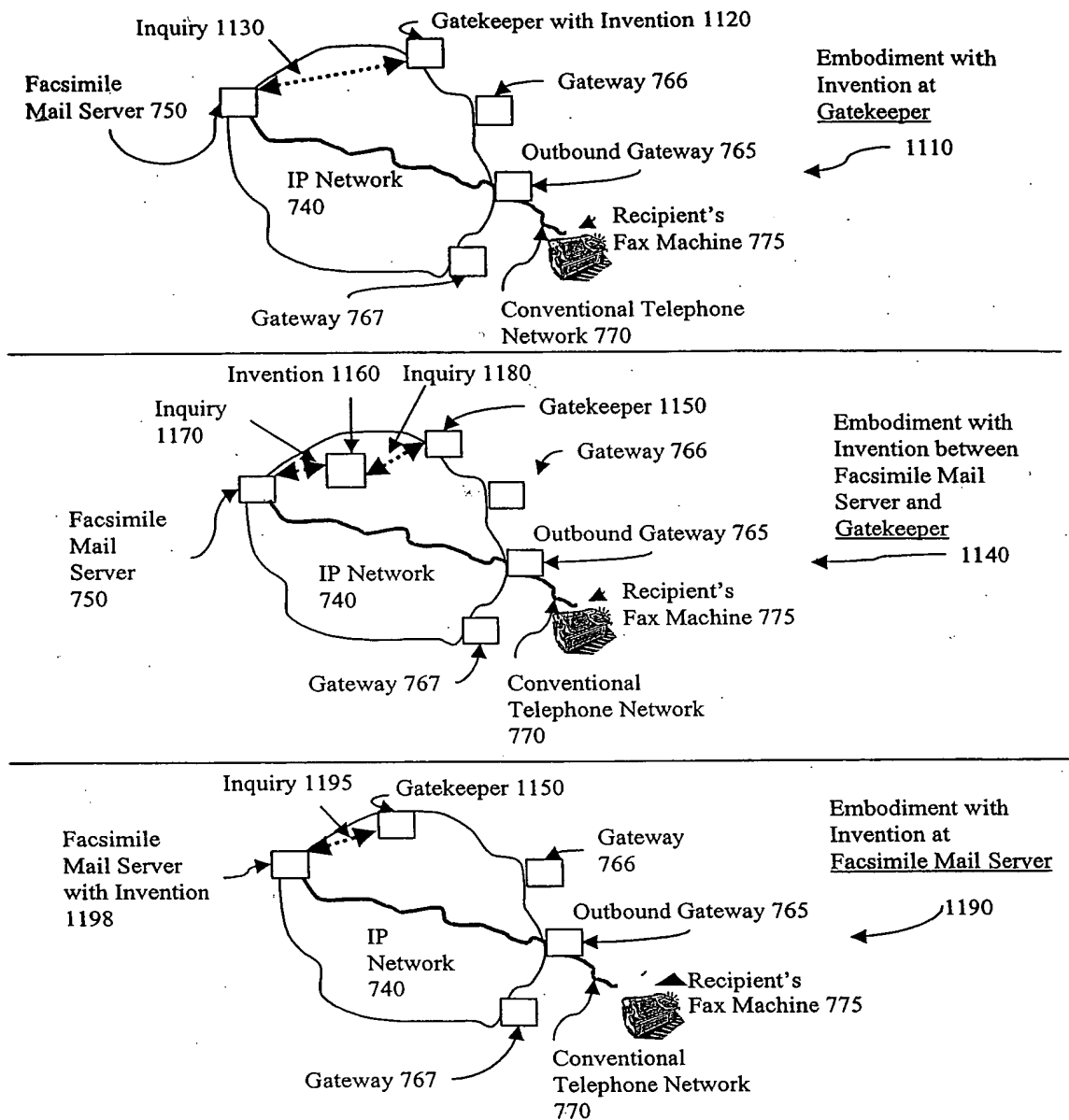
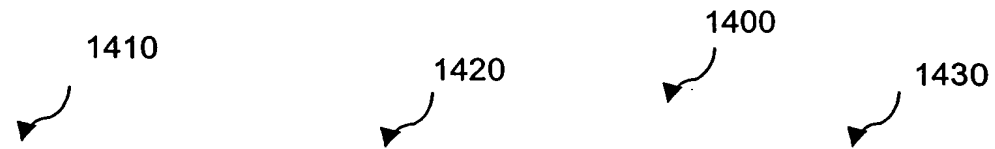


Figure 12



Zone	Gateway Address	Gateway Priority
213	GW LA 1	80
213	GW LA 2	90
213	GW LA 3	10
213	GW LA 4	30
617	GW Boston 1	100
617	GW Boston 2	90
617	GW Boston 3	10
617	GW Boston 4	60
919	GW Dallas 1	80
919	GW Dallas 2	20
919	GW Dallas 3	50
919	GW Dallas 4	75

Figure 13

1510 1520 1500
1530

Gateway Domain Name	Gateway Address	Gateway Priority
213.Sigma.net	LA 1.Sigma.net	80
213.Sigma.net	LA 2.Sigma.net	90
213.Sigma.net	LA 3.Sigma.net	10
213.Sigma.net	LA 4.Sigma.net	30
617.Sigma.net	Boston 1.Sigma.net	100
617.Sigma.net	Boston 2.Sigma.net	90
617.Sigma.net	Boston 3.Sigma.net	10
617.Sigma.net	Boston 4.Sigma.net	60
919.Sigma.net	Dallas 1.Sigma.net	80
919.Sigma.net	Dallas 2.Sigma.net	20
919.Sigma.net	Dallas 3.Sigma.net	50
919.Sigma.net	Dallas 4.Sigma.net	75

Figure 14